

# Home Fire Safety Checklist and Escape Plan

*Make your home safer and more secure*

Question	Yes	No
Are circuit breakers labeled to identify outlets and appliances they protect?		
Does your home have adequate electrical power in all areas to safely operate all your electrical appliances?		
Do all light switches work correctly?		
Do all wall switches and outlets have safe cover plates?		
Are all appliance and extension cords in good condition?		
Are all electrical appliances Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved? Check both the appliance and the cord		
Are small electrical appliances such as hair dryers, shavers, electric knives, coffee pots, etc. unplugged when not in use?		
Do you purchase "flame retardant" sleepwear for your children?		
Is the furnace cleaned and serviced yearly?		
Are areas around the furnace clear of boxes and other combustible materials?		
Is the space around the hot water heater clear of combustible materials?		
Are portable electric fans and heaters adequately screened to prevent contact with the fan blades or heating elements?		
Do you keep matches where young children cannot reach them?		
Are small children supervised when in the kitchen while you are cooking, baking, and handling hot objects?		
Are charcoal grills used only outdoors, never in the house, garage or enclosed porch?		
Has your family developed and practiced a fire escape plan for your home?		
Are the smoke and/or fire detectors installed in the house, at least one per floor?		
Are the smoke and/or fire detectors tested monthly?		
Do you have a charged ABC fire extinguisher of at least the 2-1/2-pound size conveniently located in your home?		
If smoking is permitted in your home, do you provide deep, wide-rimmed ashtrays and prohibit smoking in bed or while lying down?		
<b>The elements of an effective home fire escape plan include the following:</b>	<b><u>FIRE OR OTHER TYPE EMERGENCY REPORTING</u></b>	
Working smoke alarms on every level of the home and outside all sleeping areas	State your <u>4 digit</u> building number	
Alert all building occupants (push button box)	Identify your housing area and apartment number	
Evacuate all occupants if possible, know your escape ways	Specify the type of emergency and define the location within the building	
Close all windows and doors behind you	State your name and telephone number	
Never open a door if it feels hot	Do not hang up until the	

	operator in the Fire Control Center has repeated your information
Crawl low in smoke	
Never go back into a burning building	
<b>CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Guide the Fire Fighters to the scene	
Have two ways escaped out of each room i.e. a window or door.	
Unobstructed and easy-to-use exits	
A posted emergency phone number for the fire department	
A meeting place outside	
Practicing the plan at least twice a year with every member of the household	
<b>IF YOU ARE TRAPPED IN UPPER FLOORS:</b>	
<b>DO NOT PANIC, STAY CALM:</b>	
<b>CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Keep your apartment door closed, seal the bottom of the door with a wet towel	
Open a window and signal to the fire fighters to be rescued	

Everyone, including preschoolers, can be taught the basics of fire escape. If there are infants or family members with mobility limitations, someone in the household should plan to assist them. Also make sure that doors needed for escape can be opened easily, and that windows are not nailed or painted shut. The most important thing to remember is to react to the sound of a smoke alarm immediately and make getting out your top priority.